



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Board of Professional Engineering

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2015

The District of Columbia Board of Professional Engineering held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 1100 4th Street SW, Conference Room 300 Washington, DC 20024. A committee of the Board met prior to the public meeting to discuss and deliberate on applications for licensure.

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The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairman, Howard Gibbs at 11:06 AM.

Board Members Present: Ernest T. Boykin, Jr., Kenneth A. Davis, Howard Gibbs, Dr. Norman Mills, and Compton Vyfhuis

Board Members Absent: Dr. Eugene Bentley, III

Legal Staff Present: None

Staff Present: Avis Pearson, Board Administrator, Staci Mason, Program Officer, Patrice Richardson, Board Administrator, Asia Dumas, Investigator, George Batista, Investigator, Luladaya Valli, Examination Coordinator, Arnebya Herndon, Writer, Kevin Cyrus, Education Coordinator

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Comments received from the Public:

- No public comments were made during this meeting.

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Agenda Item: Minutes

- Upon motion made by Board member Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Ernest T. Boykin, Jr., the Board voted to approve the August 27, 2015 minutes as amended to include Dr. Mills in the attendance.

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Agenda Item: Executive Session - CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

- Upon motion made by Board member Ernest Boykin and properly seconded by Board member Kenneth Davis, the Board voted to enter executive session at 11:15AM AM pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9), (13) and (14) in order to:
- Discuss complaints and ongoing investigations;
- Deliberate over applications for licensure; and
- Meet with an applicant to review and discuss his application.
The Board returned to open session at 11:45 AM.

Agenda Item: Old Business

- The Board discussed some of the issues that were raised at the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) Annual Conference which was attended by the members in August. Specifically, the Board addressed the following:
- NCEES's adoption of a position statement to amend the NCEES model standards to require a Master's Degree or equivalent to attain licensure as a professional engineer (PE).

- A proposal to create a separate designation of Structural Engineer which was rejected by the Conference. Mr. Gibbs recommended that the Board re-look at this and determine how to best go forward on how Structural Engineers are looked at versus Civil Engineers.
- A Surveying Award has been created similar to the Engineering Award. This award will look at surveying programs at colleges to enhance these programs.
- Staci Mason addressed the Board about The Mayor's Office for Talent and Appointments (MOTA) and expressed that the Mayor's Office is very adamant that all board members respond to its request for certain personal information. MOTA will request that board members who have not submitted the required information tender their resignation from the Board on which they serve.

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Agenda Item: New Business

- Mr. Boykin led the discussion on ways to increase and expand community outreach to prepare the local colleges/universities with Engineering Programs within the jurisdiction as well as public schools to promote STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math) education. Mr. Boykin solicited feedback from the Board on becoming more visible and bridging the gap between students and NCEES to ensure that students are aware of scholarships that are being offered. Kevin Cyrus discussed how he could assist with setting up forums and presentations in the community and having Board members present on specific subject matter.
- The development of a newsletter was discussed as being the first step in the communication process for community outreach. Time will be allocated during the next meeting to begin development of a periodic newsletter.
- The need for expanded discussion on the alternatives to the recent FTC vs NC Dental Board decision and the subsequent impact on all of the Boards.
- A request was made to the Investigations Team to provide a regular statement of their activity.

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Agenda Item: Correspondence

- No correspondence was received for review during this meeting.

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Agenda Item: Committee Report

- Upon motion made by Board Vice- Chairman Howard Gibbs and properly seconded by Board member Ernest Boykin Jr., the Board approved the committee report regarding the disposition of applications. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Agenda Item: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned upon motion offered by Board member Ernest Boykin and seconded by Board member Kenneth Davis at 12:20 PM.

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Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015 ~ Room 300

Respectfully Submitted,



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Eugene M Bentley III
Dr. Eugene Bentley III, Chairman

11/03/2015
Date

Recorder: Avis M. Pearson, Board Administrator